GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3503
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DISPUTE ON SHARING OF CHAMBAL RIVER WATER
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh on sharing of Chambal river water has been resolved;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has stopped the flow of water by unauthorized construction of dam and pond in the command area of Gandhisagar Dam; and

(d) if so, the preventive steps proposed by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) No complaint under the Provisions of Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, from the States of Madhya Pradesh or Rajasthan has been received by the Central Government about the existence of water disputes between the States about sharing of Chambal river water.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh has constructed a number of irrigation projects in the catchment area of Gandhi Sagar Dam. Thus, there has been reduction in the flow at Gandhi Sagar Dam.

(d) By an agreement reached between the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in 1973, Madhya Pradesh Inter-State (Irrigation & Power) Control Board (MRICB) was established with headqurater at Kota for ensuring speedy and economical investigation, execution and operation and maintenance of projects of inter-State bearing in Chambal basin. Rajasthan took up the issue with Madhya Pradesh and in the meetings of MRICB.The issue was last discussed in the 73rd meeting of Standing Committee of the Board held on 29-1-2003 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.